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NURE APPLICATION OF: Jian-Kang ZHU, et al.

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PROTEIN AND DNA RELATED TO SALT TOLERANCE IN PLANTS

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

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SIR:

It is hereby requested that a one month extension of time be granted to September 20, 2003 for

- filing a response to the Official Action dated: May 20, 2003
- responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due ha

has been timely filed.

- responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due

has been filed.

- filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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